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DEVICE**  
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In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-6 with the following:**

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/397,218, filed on September 16, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/931,552, filed on September 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,954,766. The disclosures of the foregoing applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend claim 25 to read as follows:**

25. (Amended) A method of treating a patient, comprising:

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